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# BIGHORN CANYON NATIONAL RECREATION AREA

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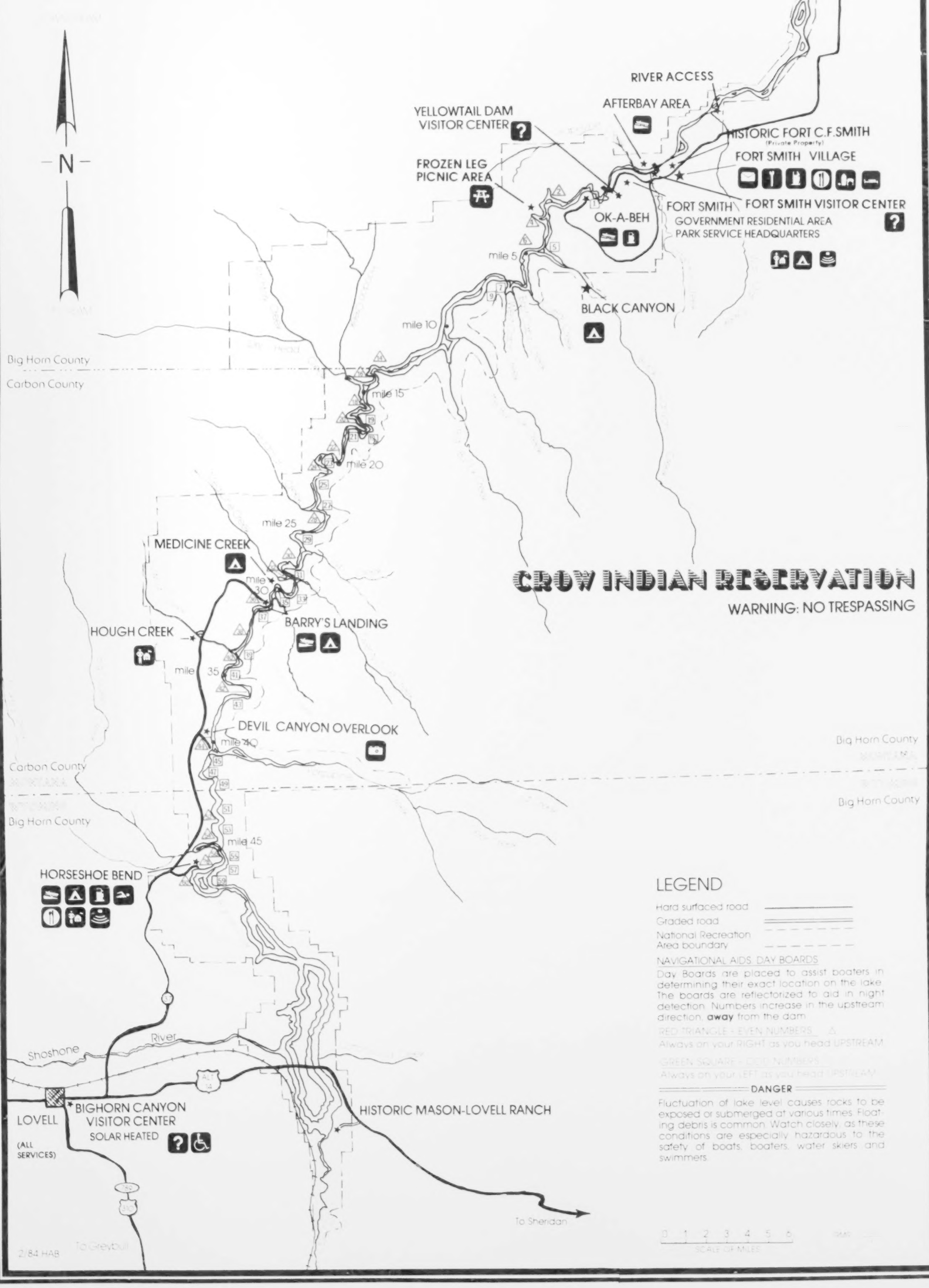


### LEGEND

Hard surfaced road

Graded road

National Recreation Area boundary

NAVIGATIONAL AIDS: DAY BOARDS

Day Boards are placed to assist boaters in determining their exact location on the lake. The boards are reflectorized to aid in night detection. Numbers increase in the upstream direction, **away** from the dam.

RED TRIANGLE - EVEN NUMBERS

Always on your RIGHT as you head UPSTREAM

GREEN SQUARE - ODD NUMBERS

Always on your LEFT as you head UPSTREAM

**DANGER**

Fluctuation of lake level causes rocks to be exposed or submerged at various times. Floating debris is common. Watch closely, as these conditions are especially hazardous to the safety of boats, boaters, water skiers and swimmers.

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FOR INFORMATION OR ASSISTANCE

North End of the Lake
Call Chief Ranger's Office, Fort Smith, Montana — Telephone Number 666-2412

South End of Lake
Call District Ranger's Office, Lovell, Wyoming — Telephone Number 548-2251

NOTICE

THE CROW INDIAN RESERVATION BORDERS THE RECREATION AREA ON THE EAST SIDE OF THE LAKE. VISITOR TRESPASS ON THE RESERVATION LANDS OUTSIDE OF THE RECREATION AREA BOUNDARY IS PROHIBITED.

GENERAL INFORMATION

Visitors should make it a point to carry an adequate amount of food, water and gasoline for their individual needs. Be sure to check the bulletin boards at each launching ramp to get current information on lake use.

1. The area encompasses parts of both Montana and Wyoming. It is therefore necessary to have a fishing license for each State in which you fish. If you have any questions as to the licensing requirements, contact a ranger.

2. Boating regulations of the individual states, as well as National Park Service and United States Coast Guard regulations, apply. Remember these regulations are for your safety and boating enjoyment. KNOW AND ABIDE BY ALL STATE AND FEDERAL REGULATIONS.

3. Report all accidents and requests for assistance to the nearest Federal employee.

4. Register at the visitor registration box adjacent to the launch ramp before you start your boat trip. This will provide the rangers with knowledge of your general location and proposed length of stay should you run into difficulties. Upon completion of your trip, please fill out the section of the registration form showing you have returned.

5. If you plan on camping in the Canyon, obtain a backcountry use permit, remember to take the necessary precautions with fire, and above all, leave a clean camp for the next year. Do not bury refuse. Carry it all out with you when you leave the lake.

6. Vehicles are required to remain on established roads open to visitor use.

AVOID DANGER—OBEY THESE SAFETY RULES

The following are the three main boating situations that when encountered and not handled properly can result in a boating collision:

1. PASSING—The boat being overtaken has the right-of-way. The boat passing must KEEP CLEAR.

2. CROSSING—The boat on the right has the right-of-way. The boat on the left must slow down and let the other boat pass.

3. APPROACHING HEAD ON—Keep to the right and reduce power to avoid a collision.

1. Remember the boating rules of the road and stay to the right of center in narrow channels.

2. Should you encounter boat difficulties in the Canyon, you are strongly urged to beach your craft and remain with it. Foot access in and out of the Canyon is quite difficult and even though you might make the top at certain locations, you would be many, many miles from help. By remaining with your craft, our boat patrol will be able to assist you.

3. While on the water, wear your life jackets.

4. Avoid small side canyons during periods of inclement weather. Flood hazards exist in these areas. Look for high water marks in these drainages and if you camp, camp above them.

5. Carry a first-aid kit as part of your regular equipment and remember that poisonous snakes are a possibility. A snakebite kit is recommended as part of your regular first-aid supplies.

6. Carry emergency supplies of food, water and gasoline. By properly preparing yourself for the area, you can enjoy a safe and memorable trip. SAFETY IS BASICALLY THE EXERCISING OF COMMON SENSE.

7. If you question your ability, or the ability of your craft, in periods of rough water, find protection from the wind and wait it out.

Your suggestions for improvement of the area operation for added visitor enjoyment will be most welcome.

COME PREPARED — PLAY IT SAFE — ENJOY YOURSELVES

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